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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CENTO
SUBJECT: CENTO INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE

REF: ANKARA 5083

1. IN CONTINUED ABSENCE OF CENTO SYG GURUN WHOSE RETURN TO ANKARA HAS BEEN FURTHER DELAYED, CSO CHIEF OF OPERATION, MR. SHAMSUDDIN, DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE WITH DSG FOR POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, MR. SIRDAR H. MAHMUD. THIS CONVERSATION WAS INCONCLUSIVE SO EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED MATTER DIRECTLY WITH MAHMUD ON JULY 24.

2. ACCORDING TO MAHMUD, GURUN HAS NO SPECIFIC TOPICS IN MIND FOR INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE BUT IS INTERESTED IN ANY POLITICAL INFORMATION CONSIDERED BY U.S. TO HAVE BEARING ON SECURITY OF CENTO REGIONAL MEMBERS. THIS, MAHMUD SAID, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNTRIES CONTIGUOUS TO CENTO COUNTRIES AND WOULD EXTEND TO NEARBY REGIONS SUCH AS HORN OF AFRICA WHERE EVENTS CAN HAVE AN
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IMPACT WITHIN THE CENTO COMMUNITY. THE DECISION WILL, IN EFFECT, BE LEFT TO THE U.S. TO SELECT APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE AND CENTO SECRERARIAT WOULD ABIDE BY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL REPORTS REQUESTED BY U.S.

3. MAHMUD, IN CONFIRMING THAT GURUN WANTS TO USE THE CENTO

POLITICAL DIVISION AS CHANNEL OF EXCHANGE, EXPLAINED THAT NEW POLITICAL DIVISION UNDER REORGANIZATION PLAN WILL BE SMALL AND HAVE ONLY LIMITED RESPONSIBILITIES. THE TASK OF COLLECTING AND COLLATING INFORMATION AND PRODUCING REPORTS BASED ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE A MAJOR FUNCTION. EMBOFF AGREED WITH MAHMUD THAT SOME CARE WILL BE NEEDED TO AVOID DUPLICATING IN PART THE WORK OF THE COUNTER SUBVERSION OFFICE BUT THAT THIS NEED NOT BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

4. AS NEXT STEP, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON NATO INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF STATE 167938. A SIMILAR SYSTEM MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR CENTO AS WELL.
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